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Idaho All Wheat Acreage Down 13 Percent

Planted acres for all wheat in Idaho are estimated at 1.28 million acres, down 13 percent from 2011, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acres to be harvested for all wheat are expected at 1.22 million acres, down from 1.40 million acres the previous year. Idaho's spring wheat seedings, at 480,000 acres, are down 25 percent from the 640,000 acres planted in 2011. Harvested acreage is set at 460,000 acres, a decrease of 160,000 acres from last year. Winter wheat seedings of 780,000 acres decreased 5 percent from the previous year. Harvested acres are expected to total 740,000 acres, down 30,000 acres from 2011. Area planted to durum wheat is up 36 percent from last year at 15,000 acres, with 15,000 acres also expected to be harvested for grain. Planted acreage of sugarbeets is estimated at 183,000 acres, up 4 percent from the 176,000 acres planted in 2011. Acres of sugarbeets for harvest are expected to total 182,000, 3 percent higher than last year's 176,000 acres harvested. Barley acreage planted is estimated at 610,000 acres, 17 percent more than last year's 520,000 acres. Harvested acreage is expected to total 590,000, up from 500,000 acres harvested in 2011. Acres seeded to oats totaled 70,000, unchanged from last year. Acres harvested for grain are estimated at 15,000, also unchanged from last year. The area planted to corn, at 380,000 acres, is up 30,000 acres from last year and a record high if realized. Corn to be harvested for grain is forecast at 130,000 acres, up 10,000 acres from last year. Dry bean planted acreage is up 37 percent to 130,000 acres planted with 129,000 acres expected to be harvested. Estimates for dry bean acreage include garbanzo beans, which are grown primarily in North Idaho. Idaho farmers and ranchers are expected to harvest 1.38 million acres of all hay, up 2 percent from last year. Alfalfa hay harvested is expected to total 1.00 million acres, unchanged from last year while other hay is estimated at 380,000 harvested acres, up 9 percent from 2011. Canola acres planted are estimated at 33,000 acres, up 74 percent from last year. Canola acres to be harvested are estimated at 32,000 acres, up 13,500 acres from 2011.

For the U.S., corn planted area for all purposes is estimated at 96.4 million acres, up 5 percent from last year and represents the highest planted acreage in the United States since 1937. Growers expect to harvest 88.9 million acres for grain, up 6 percent from last year. Winter wheat planted area is estimated at 41.8 million acres, is up 3 percent from last year and up slightly from the previous estimate. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 35.0 million acres, up 8 percent from last year. Area planted to other spring wheat is estimated at 12.0 million acres, down 3 percent from 2011. Grain area is expected to total 11.7 million acres, 3 percent below 2011. Durum planted area for 2012 is estimated at 2.20 million acres, up 61 percent from the previous year. Area harvested for grain is expected to total 2.12 million acres, 62 percent above 2011. Producers seeded 3.68 million acres of barley, up 44 percent from the previous year. Harvested area, forecast at 3.27 million acres, is up 46 percent from 2011. Area seeded to oats for the 2012 crop year is 2.75 million acres, up 10 percent from the record low planted last year. Growers expect to harvest 1.09 million acres, up 16 percent from the record low last year. Area planted to sugarbeets is estimated at 1.24 million acres, up 1 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.22 million acres, up slightly from 2011. Planted area of dry beans is estimated at 1.63 million acres for 2012, up 35 percent from 2011. Harvested area is forecast at 1.57 million acres, 36 percent above the previous year. Producers intend to harvest 57.7 million acres of all hay in 2012, up 4 percent from 2011. Expected harvested area of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures, at 18.8 million acres, is down 2 percent from 2011. Expected harvested area for all other types of hay totals 38.8 million acres, up 7 percent from 2011. Producers planted a record high 1.63 million canola acres in 2012, up 52 percent from 2011. The harvested area is forecasted at 1.59 million acres, up 53 percent from last year and also a record high if realized.

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